India's Honorary Consul General abroad

4561. DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of countries where our Honorary Consul Genearls are posted;

(b) what is the criterion for appointment of an Honorary Consul General;

(c) what are the rates of honorarium being paid to them; and

(d) whether it is Government's policy to encourage appointing more Honorary Consul Generals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) India has Honorary Consul Generals/ Honorary Consuls in 21 countries. List of these countries is attached Statement. *(See* below)

(b) Honorary Consul Generals/Consuls are appointed at places where it is not possible to establish regular Missions/ Posts for reasons of economy or otherwise but where the presence of Indian Representative would assist in looking after our essential political, economic, consular and other interests. The individuals recommended for the position are persons of eminence and status commanding respect in the areas of their jurisdiction

(c) No honorarium is paid to Honorary Consul General.

(d) Each case for the appointment of an Honorary Consul General/Consul is considered on merits

Statement

List of Countries where India has Honorary Consul Generals/Consuls

1. Australia
2. Belgium
3. Costa Rica
4. Djibouti
5. Equador
6. Germany
7. Guatemala
8. Italy
9. Liberia
10. Luxembourg
11. Paraguay
12. Portugal
13. Sierra Leone
14. Spain
15. Switzerland
16. Togo
17. Turkey
18. United States of Americ
19. Venezuela
20. Zaire
21. Zambia

India's relations with Bosnia and Serbia

4562 SHRI K. R. MALKANI:
SHRI O P KOHLI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that Government have invited the Foreign Minister of Bosnia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is a party to the U.N. sanctions against Serbia; and

(c) if so, what is the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Government have accepted the initiative of the Foreign Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina to pay a visit to India, though mutually convenient dates are yet to be finalised

(b) Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council concerning sanctions against Serbia-Montenegro are binding on the international community and Indian has been observing them

(c) India has recognised and established diplomatic relations with Bosnia-Herzegovina and diplomatic interaction is normal in the circumstances. With regard to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia-Montenegro), India, as a member-state of the United Nations, has on obligation to respect its decisions

सचिव स्तर के प्रतिनिधि-मंडल का नेपाल का दौरा

4563. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल :**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सचिवस्तरके भारतीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने हाल ही में काठमांडू की यात्रा की थी और इस यात्रा के दौरान दोनों देशों के बीच सचिव-स्तर पर बातचीत हुई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दोनों देशों के बीच किन-किन मुद्दों पर क्या-क्या बात हुई तथा बातचीत में कार्य-सूची का प्रमुख बिन्दु क्या था ; और

(ग) दोनों देशों के बीच हुई बातचीत में यदि कोई निर्णय लिया गया तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि वार्ता अनिर्णीत रही तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया) : (क) से (ग) गृह सचिव, सचिव (जल संसाधन) तथा विदेश सचिव के नेतृत्व में तीन भारतीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल मार्च-अप्रैल, 1995 में काठमांडू गए । ये यात्राएं नेपाल के प्रधान मंत्री की भारत की यात्रा की तैयारी स्वरूप की गई थीं। इन यात्राओं के दौरान जिन विषयों पर मुख्य रूप से चर्चा की गई उनमें द्विपक्षीय सम्बन्ध तथा सुरक्षा, एक देश में दूसरे देश के हितों के विरुद्ध संचालित गतिविधियों की रोकथाम, जल संसाधान विकास के क्षेत्रों में सहयोग सुदृढ़ करने से सम्बन्धित विषयतथा द्विपक्षीय सम्बन्धों के अन्य पहलू शमिल थे ।

Anti-India report published by International Court of Justice

4564. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has invited to the news item capititned "Anti-India ICJ report to be released soon", which appeared in "The Observer of Business and Politics," New Delhi dated the 10th January, 1995:

(b) whether this anti-India report has since been released if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what precautionary steps Government have taken in consultation with the High Commission in the UK, to counteract the anti-India propaganda for human rights violations and faulty human rights legislation sought to be made by this report?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item captioned "Anti-India ICJ report to be released soon", which appeared in "The Observer of Business and Politics", New Delhi dated the 10th January, 1995. The report in question has not been published by International Court of Jutsice. It has been published by the International Commission of Justice, which is a Non-Government Organisation. The response of Government of India has also been published. Government of India have projected true facts of the situation including Pakistan's involvement in sponsoring terrorist activities across the Line of Control in J&K to correct the faulty impression sought to be created by this report.

Visit of the Iranian President

4565. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Iranian President's recent visit was a State visit; and